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THE WORLD STEALERS

LIEUTENANT JON JARL of the Space Petrol was cruising between Mars and Earth when the radio message came from Headquarters.

"You deserve a well-sarned rest, Lieutenant Iarl. You are granted two weeks"

tenant Jarl. You are granted two weeks leave. Wou see off duty so of this moment. "Vippest" said Jon exuberantly, grabbing the controls and setting his course for Earth. "Ms for a nice two weeks at Missan shoot the files sawy." It was some hours later that Jon peared through the front windshield at Earth, thinking of his coming vecation—but Earth trols wrong." Such a dumb error. But he trols wrong. Such a dumb error. But he

was puzzled as ha checkad the instruments. According to them, Earth should have been directly in front of him. Either the instruments were wrong—or Earth had moved out of its orbit. "Of sourse, Earth didn't move out of its orbit," grinned Jon at the ridiculous orbit," grinned Jon at the ridiculous though. But then he face went slack. "OR DID 172"

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With shaking fingers he used the space octant, triangulating with the Sun and Mars, and finally located Earth. The octant dropped from his fingers. "Great Jupiter!" Jon gasped slowd, completely stunned. "The Earth actually is out of its orbit!" It was crazy! Insanel Impossible! How could a great big world like Earth, obeying the age-old laws of gravity, be slipping out

of its orbit? Then another stunning thought hit Jon.

"It can't happen by itself! Therefore someone is causing it! Someone is moving a warld!"

But how? Who would do such a thins?

And why? Nobody could move a world out of its offit unless he was a greater selentist and mastermind than Earth had ever known. It would take billions upon billions of horsepower. Who or what had a machine like that?

Scanning the region nearest Earth with his small space telescope, Jon suddenly spotted a tiny black object to one side. It

was tiny in proportion to huge Earth, but it was actually a gigantic object, as Jon soon saw when ha rocketad close. It was a giant space ship, over a mile long! And from its surn came out a long beam of some smaning radiation that seemed to be towing Earth along, like a

bargs behind a tug.
Jon radiced Headquarters. "Attention!
Huge space tug pulling Earth out of its
orbit."
The answer came back in a bellow.
"Don't you think we know it? Good lord,

"Don't you think we know it? Good lord, the whole universe is changing around us as we leave Earth's orbit around the Sun. Stop that thip, Lisutenian! We can't get a cruiser there for hours. Stop that ship?" "And this," ground Jon, "is my vocation!"

But the next instant, he she bis timy rocket ship close to the huge monater. He tried to signal it by radio, but no response came. Grimly, Jon opened fire with his ray-cannon. He gave it full power, enough to blast a soundain to atom to have done to the soundain to atom showed not a dent or mark, and kept right on towing Earth away.

Jos short forward and landed on top the glant ship, like a five on an elephant. He insped to be able to get limited and find our health of the ship in a space sail, the sarpine of the hill had opened, like a trap deer, pulling him in. Jon alighted in a huge room and found himself face to face with

the ship's operators.

e On blinked. He had seen many queer creatures on other planets, but these aller executive the Earthmen! And yet Jon could see they weren't Earthmen at all, by their queer clothing of spun metals. And their eyes—they were cold, runbless, and infinitely wise.

One allen had been siming a small gadget at Jon's head. Now he put it down and said, "I used the mind probe and learned your language from your thoughts. Now I can speak to you. We saw you approach and try to attack us with your pitiful little gun. It made us Isurb."

Jon boiled at the arrogance of the alien. "Who are you?" he demanded. "Where did Earth from its orbit? Don't you realize

our world is filled with our people?" "Is it?" retorted the alien. You see, we want your world. I'm afraid As we pull Earth away from the Sun,

Jon groaned, wishing this were a nightmars, but he knew it wasn't.

THE alien went on, "We're from Alpha Centauri, the star nearest to your colar our Sun. We need more space to live in. You have nine worlds. Surely, you can

soure us one of tham?" "Stealing a world!" gasped Jon. that's what you're doing! But, good heav-

"Naturally," nodded the alien. "That's why we want it. But enough of this. You piddling fools can't stop us, you know. Our tow Earth all the way to Alpha Centauri, our Sun, and colonize it." He jerked his thumb, giving directions to the other

best world .

Jon was hustled away and thrust out through the trap door near his rocket ship. Slowly, draggingly, he climbed in, turned on his rockets and took off. Like the crack of doom, a voice rang through his head-"Earth is being stolen! We can't ston there mighty scientists! The human race is

Even If a space cruiser came, it could do nothing. Not even all the fleets of harriewagone that kept peace in the space lanes could do anything The Alpha Centaurians had protonic power, which Jon vaguely knew to be immeasurably greater than

atomic power! Jon was close to madness in that moment All be could do was stare helplessly and

watch Earth being dragged away. Before wastee of space, away from the Sun, and all life on the green planet would be snuffed Yee, Jon nearly went mad! Or did he really go mad! For all of a sudden he was yelling and ecreeching at the top of his voice. "Pil stop you! I'm only one man with one little ship, but I'll stop you, watch

And like a madman, he shot his tiny ship to a position between the alien ship and pulsating "tractor-beam" which was towing Earth away. He opened his homb-bay and

It was an atomic bomb, such as the Space how could it work? How could it do anything to an intangible beam? It was sheer madness, of course . . . But something did happen. The atomic

bomb hit the beam and exploded. And suddenly, the beam turned a fiery, chartly green. At the Earth end, it lat go and curled! It curled like a whiplash and shot back to the alien ship. Like a giant whip wielded by some world-sized monster, it hit the alien ship and sheared it in half The ship's crew epilled into open space and died. Then the two broken halves of the alien ship drifted off into space, lifeless

The menace was over! Earth was no longer being dragged away. But what would happen now? Jon turned to watch the globe of Earth. And then, relieved, he saw it slowly go back-back to its old orbit. Vaguely, Jon knew the reason for that The alien ship had been fighting the Sun's gravity, dragging Earth away from it, Now, went back to its age-old orbit. It was comething like a rubber band being erretched. Earth would be back where it belonged,

THE madness had gone out of Jon's eyes. ing to Headquarters. "Allena from Alpha Centauri were using protonic nower to tow protons. And an atomic homb utilives atoms. When the protons and atoms met.

it was like two bulls crashing head-on-That finished the allens. That ie all." But before he snapped the set off, he added-"P.S. I'm going to Earth on my

vacation, as before. But I'm taking five extra hours to make up for the delay caused by the aliene," THE END

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